GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:279
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GROWTH IN CARGO TRAFFIC OF I.A.
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the growth rate of cargo traffic of Indian Airlines during each of the last three years and the expected traffic during the current year;

(b) whether the Indian Airlines proposes to convert some of its aircraft into freighters;

(c) if so, the details and reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to further boost the cargo traffic in order to improve the revenue of Indian Airlines?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b),(c) and (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c) and (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 279 FOR 11/08/2005 REGARDING GROWTH IN CARGO TRAFFIC OF I.A.

(a): The details of growth rate of cargo traffic of Indian Airlines Limited during the last three years and the expected cargo traffic during the current year are as under :-

Year	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06(Estimated)
Growth Rate	12.5%	6%	15%	15% (Approximately)

(b) and (c): Indian Airlines Limited has plans to commence its own retail courier and freighter services, on hub and spoke pattern with Nagpur as a hub, to tap the express market. For this purpose, initially five Boeing 737 aircraft are proposed to be considered for conversion into freighter aircraft.

(d): Indian Airlines has launched aggressive marketing schemes and is taking measures like cargo computerization with track and trace facility on the net, having its own cargo website on the net, flexible pricing, focusing on direct sales to shippers and corporates, entering into pro-rata agreements with various airlines to increase cargo carriage etc. to improve the cargo tonnage/revenue further.